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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director of Training

SUBJECT

: Request for Training of Naval Investigative Service Personnel

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request for two weeks operations training for 20 odd NIS personnel to begin on 29 October, and could we do it. Looking at the schedule I told him we certainly could not do it in 1973, although after mid-November we might be able to break someone loose to sit with them and help them plan their own course as we did last spring with Task Force 157. As for 1974, the prospects looked gloomy, but we would consider it on the basis of a detailed request citing numbers of trainees, their prior training and experience and a clear statement of what they would be expected to be able to do after the training. He was somewhat staggered by the reply but said he was having a meeting with their representative on 12 September and asked that we have someone present. I said I would try. (Both and I will be out of town that day.)	25X1A
2. Apparently ran a course for this unit, which is to the Navy roughly what CIC was to the Army, back in 1968, and they are going to bring that schedule as a basis for discussion.	25X1A
3. Now there is not only the question of our policy stance on a question of this kind, but also the question of OTR's flexibility for this kind of thing. As foreseen, OTR has unquestionably lost some of its flexibility in operations training through the reorganization, and to meet any future request of this sort we would have to thread a painstaking path through the welter of courses both here and at More basically, however, I believe we need to reorganize the limits on our flexibility and take a stance toward future requests of this nature and get our position approved not only by DTR but the DDM&S as well and communicate that position to the liaison formations of the DDO so that we will not be visited with such appeals. At the same time, we must	25X1A

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recognize that some DDO formations, such as CI Staff and SB, are themselves making a rather sizeable contribution to training courses of other agencies, the most recent example being the six-week CI course being organized by the FBI. It looks to me as though our operations training position and capability are being eroded. This may be an inevitable phenomenon, but I believe we should be conscious of it.

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